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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF SMALL ANIMAL RESCUE AND ADOPTION TRAILERS
VALUED AT \$214,000 FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ANIMAL CARE FOUNDATION**

SUBJECT

Request approval to accept a donation of four small animal rescue and adoption trailers, valued at approximately \$214,000, from the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation (Foundation) to the Department of Animal Care and Control (Department).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Accept the gift of four (4) small animal rescue and adoption trailers.
2. Instruct the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, to prepare and send a letter of appreciation to the donors for their generous donation.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Department is pleased to inform your Board that the Foundation has received a life insurance bequest in the amount of \$177,000 from the estate of Beatrice Atwood. The Foundation has generously earmarked this bequest, along with an additional \$37,000 of Foundation donations, to be used to purchase four animal rescue and transportation trailers. Since this gift is in excess value of \$10,000 it requires your Board's approval for acceptance.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The acceptance of the donation to the Department will support the organizational goal of service excellence (Goal 1) by enabling the Department to remove small animals quickly from dangers such

as wildfires or mudslides. Additionally, the trailers will be used for off-site adoption events, extended spay/neuter efforts, and community vaccination clinics.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no fiscal impact to the County. Upon approval of the recommended actions, the County will be in acceptance of four (4) animal rescue and adoption trailers with an approximate value of \$214,000.

Based on the recommended action, the Department does not anticipate any additional one-time or ongoing costs. The trailers may have associated operating and maintenance costs, which will be absorbed by existing Departmental resources.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Government Code Section 25355 permits the County to accept donations or other gifts for a specific County purpose. Section 2.4.2 of the County Fiscal Manual authorizes County departments to accept donations in excess of a \$10,000 value with Board approval.

The Foundation is a registered 501 (c) 3 non-profit foundation. The Foundation's sole purpose is to assist and promote the programs of the Department. Your Board approved an agreement between the Foundation and the Department on October 21, 2002, pursuant to County policies requiring Board approval of agreements between County departments and their supporting non-profit foundations.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This donation will greatly enhance the Department's ability to rescue and transport small animals in harm's way. Each trailer is capable of transporting approximately 25 animals. Two trailers are 25 feet in length and each has a multi-purpose room that can be used for veterinary examination, adoption introductions, vaccine clinics, or other individual activities. The remaining two trailers are 16 feet in length and provide additional animal housing.

The trailers are heated and air conditioned, providing the animals with safe, environmentally controlled environments during weather extremes. The trailers are powered with solar panels and generators and can stand alone as temporary shelter during emergencies. For example, the trailers can be established next to Red Cross emergency shelters, so that evacuated pet owners can remain close to their pets. This ability to co-locate pets with their owners will provide greater peace of mind to owners, as well as reduce the stress level of the animals.

The trailers will also be used at off-site adoption events, providing our animals with greater opportunities for adoption. They can provide additional safe areas for animals recovering from anesthesia during spay/neuter clinics, expanding our abilities to provide this critical community service.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Animal Care and Control.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light yellow background. The signature is cursive and appears to read "M Mayeda".

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